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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, MO, PFOR
SUBJECT: IMPENDING TRANSFER OF AMBASSADOR BOUTALEB

1. AMBASSADOR BOUTALEB TELEPHONED ME LATE JANUARY 13 FOLLOWING HIS SECOND MEETING WITH KING IN PAST 48 HOURS TO SAY HE WOULD SOON BE TRANSFERRED TO RABAT WORKING DIRECTLY FOR HASSAN "IN A HIGH CAPACITY". HE WISHES THIS INFORMATION KEPT CONFIDENTIAL PENDING PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT IN NEAR FUTURE, BUT WANTED YOU TO HAVE ADVANCE WORD. HE EXPECTS TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON ON JANUARY 18 AFTER WHICH HE WILL ADVISE YOU OFFICIALLY OF HIS NEW POSITION AND HOPEFULLY THE NAME OF HIS PROPOSED SUCCESSOR. ON LATTER POINT, BOUTALEB SAID KING HAD NOT GIVEN HIM ANY INDICATION OF WHO HIS SUCCESSOR MIGHT BE.

2. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF CONFIDENCE BOUTALEB ENJOYS WITH KING, I WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED TO SEE HIM TAKE OVER THE KEY, SUBSTANTIVE JOB OF CABINET DIRECTOR IN THE PALACE. AS FOR HIS REPLACEMENT IN WASHINGTON, WE HAVE HEARD THAT ALI BENJELLOUN, CURRENT MOROCCAN PERMREP IN NEW YORK, IS A POSSIBILITY. THIS WOULD MAKE EMINENT SENSE AS BENJELLOUN KNOWS WASHINGTON WELL FROM HIS FORMER SERVICE THERE AND
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HAS RENEWED HIS MANY ASSOCIATIONS SINCE ARRIVING IN NEW YORK LAST SUMMER.
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